

Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of September 4-September 8, 2006

1. **Officers in Training:** One corporal attended a week-long supervisor's training required by the state for first-line supervisors. One officer was trained in the use of Taser. *(Police)*
2. **Meetings Attended:** Chief Coursey attended the Safe Takoma meeting. Lt. Cipperly and Sgt. Gilbert attended the Montgomery County Highway Safety Task Force meeting. The sergeant also attended the CSAFE HEAT team meeting, which brings together police, probation officers and others on issues related to supervision of former offenders. Ms. Bannerman attended the Chesapeake Regional Law Enforcement Accreditation Assn. meeting. *(Police)*
3. **Vehicle Enforcement:** The majority of traffic enforcement was conducted on major routes including New Hampshire Avenue, Piney Branch Road and Hwy. 410. *(Police)*
4. **Investigating a Crime:** Detectives have been conducting follow-up investigation to the incident reported in last week's report. Early Sept. 1, Takoma Park patrol officers arrested a suspect in an assault in the 1000 block of University Blvd. East. The victim died late Friday and the suspect was charged with homicide. An additional suspect was arrested in Prince William County, Virginia on Friday, September 8 for a warrant obtained by TPD detectives charging him with first degree murder and other related charges. Investigation continues with the execution of a search warrant in Prince William, to seek additional evidence. Both suspects and the victim are believed to have ties to MS 13. *(Police)*
5. **WMATA Compact Hearing:** A public hearing on the development plan for the Takoma Metro property has been scheduled for the evening of October 11, 2006. Background information on the project as well as information on how to register to testify can be found on the City's web page, www.takomaparkmd.gov under the title "Takoma Metro Development." *(Community & Government Liaison)*
6. **Congressional Hearing:** On Wednesday, the City hosted the House Committee on Government Reform hearing on gang activity in Maryland. The hearing received a good deal of press attention. Besides having the excitement of hosting a Congressional hearing, Takoma Park benefitted by showing off our new Community Center facilities to many area officials. Takoma Park City TV recorded the hearing live; it can be viewed with a high-speed internet connection through the "Watch City TV" link on the City's home page. *(Community & Government Liaison and CityTV)*
7. **ICMA Conference:** City Manager Barbara Matthews and Community Government Liaison Suzanne Ludlow will be attending the International City/County Management Association conference in San Antonio September 9 through 13. *(Community & Government Liaison)*

- 8. Community Development Block Grant - Application Deadline this Monday September 11th (City-wide):** The City of Takoma Park is accepting applications for its PY33 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The program provides on a competitive basis, resources for a variety of projects which benefit Takoma Park's low and moderate income residents. The deadline for submission is Monday, September 11, 2006. Funds would be available on or about January 1, 2008. Applications are available on the City's web site at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/documents/cdbgapp.pdf> For more information, please contact Sara Anne Daines at (301) 891-7224 or by email at SaraD@takomagov.org. (*Housing and Community Development*)
- 9. Call for Poetry (City-wide):** The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission is soliciting poets for the 2007 Takoma Park Poetry Series. The series will begin this winter and will feature some of the finest poets in the city and surrounding area. If you (or someone you know) would like to be considered for a spot in the series, please send 3-5 poems to Poet Laureate Don Berger at ahc@takomagov.org Submissions may also be mailed to the Arts and Humanities Commission c/o Sara Anne Daines at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park MD 20912. The submission deadline is Wednesday, October 11, 2006. (*Housing and Community Development*)
- 10. Poetry Reading - September 14 (City-wide):** The work of Ms. Anne Becker and Ms. Lara Payne will be featured at the AHC's monthly poetry reading on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 pm in the Takoma Park Community Center. The free event is hosted by Takoma Park Poet Laureate Don Berger, and sponsored by the Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission. (*Housing and Community Development*)
- 11. TP Folk Festival:** Sunday, September 10th is the annual Takoma Park Folk Festival and City TV staff will be covering most performances on seven stages all day long. (*City TV*)
- 12. Afternoon Addition:** The Afternoon Addition started its second week and reached our maximum number of participants during the first week of school. We are looking forward to an exciting school year! (*Recreation*)